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SUBJECT: GULF PLANS TO DRILL IN EAST CHINA SEA

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1. ACCORDING TO KOREA GULF OIL (JACK HARBAUGH) PRESIDENT PARK TOLD ROBERT DORSEY (CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF GULF OIL), PRESUMABLY DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO KOREA LAST SEPTEMBER, TO GO AHEAD WITH DRILLING IN DISPUTED AREA AND TO COUNT ON FULL ROKG COOPERATION. HARBAUGH SAYS GULF'S DECISION TO PROCEED WHEN RIG BECOMES AVAILABLE IS FIRM AND IS BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS THAT BENEFITS OF FINDING OIL WARRANT RISKS AND THAT ACCOMMODATION MIGHT BE REACHED IF PROBLEMS ARISE FROM PRC REACTION. HARBAUGH CONFIRMED THAT NO U.S.-FLAG VESSELS, U.S. CITIZEN CREWMEN, OR SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE USED.

2. COMMENT: LATE 1974 VISIT OF U.S. GULF OFFICIALS TO PEKING, WHERE, WE UNDERSTAND FROM EA BUREAU PAPER, THEY ACQUAINTED CHINESE WITH GULF'S CAPABILITIES IN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION, SUGGESTS TO US THAT GULF MAY FEEL IT MAY BE IN POSITION TO DISCOURAGE ROKG-PRC CONFRONTATION OVER EXPLOITATION IF OIL ACTUALLY FOUND.
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